



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Douglas M. BLAIR

Atty. Docket No.: 2551-026

Appln. No.: 09/881,234

Group Art Unit: 1631

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Examiner: Smith, C.

For: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING SEQUENCE
DATABASE COMPARISON**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office action dated 30 June 2004 for one (1) month from 30 September 2004 to 30 October 2004.

The enclosed check in the amount of \$ 55.00 is for the cost of the extension. Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached by telephone at (703) 391-2900.

Respectfully submitted,

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